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### **1. Introduction**

The Standing Committee established under the Constitution to address matters relating to the appointment of Members of Commissions, pursuant to Article 119C of the Constitution and under the provisions of Standing Order No. 84, has agreed to the following as its Third Report.

### **2. Members of the Committee**

At a Meeting of the Committee of Selection held on September 15, 2020, the following Members were nominated to the Committee on Appointments to address matters relating to the appointment of Members of Commissions:

#### **Members from the People's Progressive Party (PPP/C) (5):**

- (i) Hon. Gail Teixeira, M.P., Government Chief Whip.
- (ii) Hon. Dr. Vindhya V. H. Persaud, M.S., M.P.
- (iii) Hon. Warren Kwame E. McCoy, M.P.
- (iv) Mr. Alister S. Charlie, M.P.
- (v) Mrs. Yvonne Pearson-Fredericks, M.P.

#### **Members from the A Partnership for National Unity/Alliance for Change (APNU/AFC)(4):**

- (i) Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P.
- (ii) Dr. Nicolette O. Henry, M.P.
- (iii) Mrs. Tabitha J. Sarabo-Halley, M.P.
- (iv) Ms. Annette N. Ferguson, M.P.

### **3. Election of Chairperson**

- 3.1 The Committee at its first meeting held on December 28, 2020, elected Hon. Gail Teixeira, M.P., as its Chairperson.

### **4. Terms of Reference**

- 4.1 The Committee by Resolution No. 17 passed by the National Assembly on May 8, 2003, was entrusted to discharge the following functions in relation to the appointment of Members of the Commission established under the Constitution-

- “(a) shall identify appropriate bodies for consultation in the appointment of the relevant members of the Commission, conduct the necessary consultations and, where necessary, receive nominations from appropriate bodies;
- (b) shall make recommendations to the National Assembly:
- (i) for a Consensual Mechanism for the Ethnic Relations Commission, the Women and Gender Equality Commission, the Indigenous Peoples’ Commission and the Commission on the Rights of the Child;
  - (ii) for the appointment of members of the Commissions with the exception of the Public Procurement Commission; and
  - (iii) in connection with any other matter referred to it by the National Assembly from time to time.
- (c) report to the National Assembly in relation to each Commission as soon as possible upon the discharge (d) of its function in relation thereto.”

## **5. Mandate**

- 5.1 The Committee was mandated by article 210 (1) (c) of the Constitution in relation to the Police Service Commission to nominate:

*“four members appointed by the President upon nomination by the National Assembly after it has consulted such bodies as appear to it to represent the majority of the members of the Police Force and any other such body it deems fit”*

## **6. Meetings of the Committee**

- 6.1 The Committee held a total of ten (10) meetings.

## **7. Police Service Commission – The Nomination Process**

- 7.1 At the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, the Committee commenced discussing the entities to be consulted to submit nominees to be appointed to the Police Service Commission. At that Meeting, the Committee agreed to use the Eleventh Report of the Committee dated April 11, 2018, as a guide, on the way forward. The Committee decided to consult with the same entities as were previously consulted in the Eleventh Parliament.

- 7.2 At the said Meeting, the Committee agreed to write the following entities seeking nominations:
- The Guyana Police Association;
  - The Association of Former Members of the Guyana Police Force; and
  - National Community Policing Executive.
- 7.3 The Committee agreed that the Minister of Home Affairs be written to enquiring whether the National Commission on Law and Order was functioning and, if it was, to invite nominations for the Police Service Commission.
- 7.4 The letters to the various entities outlined the following:
- (i) the entity was identified as an entity to be consulted to make nominations, in accordance with Article 210 (1)(c) of the Constitution;
  - (ii) they were invited to submit nominee(s) to be considered by the Committee, for appointment to the Police Service Commission; and
  - (iii) the nominee(s) information should be submitted on a biodata form attached to the letter.
- 7.5 At the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on Wednesday, November 24, 2021, the Committee was informed that responses were still outstanding from the Minister of Home Affairs concerning the National Commission on Law and Order and the Association of Former Members of the Guyana Police Force. Accordingly, the matter was deferred to the next meeting for further consideration, and additional time was granted for entities to submit outstanding responses.

## **8. Nominations Received**

- 8.1 On November 16, 2021, the **Guyana Police Association** submitted the names of Mr. Ernesto Choo-a-Fat, Businessman, Mr. Lloyd Mark Conway, Attorney-at-Law, Mr. Hakeem Mohamed, A.A., Businessman, and Mr. Patrick Anthony Findlay, Bishop, as its nominees.
- 8.2 On November 17, 2021, the **National Community Policing Executive** submitted the name of Mr. Reshi Das, L.S.G.C., Administrator, Community Policing Group, as its nominee.
- 8.3 On November 24, 2021, the **Association of Former Members of the Guyana Police Force** submitted the name of Mr. Gavin Primo, D.S.M., Former Assistant Commissioner of Police, as its nominee.

8.4 As at the date of the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting held on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, no response was received from the Minister of Home affairs concerning the National Commission on Law and Order.

**9. The Committee's Selection Process**

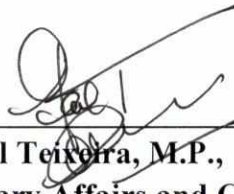
9.1 At the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting held on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, after exhausting the notification process, the Committee agreed to proceed with the appointment of Members to the Commission. The Members present unanimously agreed that the following persons should be nominated for appointment to the Police Service Commission:

- (i) Mr. Ernesto Choo-a-Fat, Businessman;
- (ii) Mr. Lloyd Mark Conway, Attorney-at-Law;
- (iii) Mr. Hakeem Mohamed, A.A., Businessman; and
- (iv) Mr. Patrick Anthony Findlay, Bishop.

9.2 At the 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Committee held on Wednesday, December 15, 2021, Members present unanimously adopted the Third Report on the appointment of Members to the Police Service Commission.

9.3 The Committee, now, therefore, reports to the National Assembly that it has meaningfully consulted with the Guyana Police Association, the Association of Former Members of the Guyana Police Force, and the National Community Policing Executive, as bodies that appear to represent the majority of Members of the Guyana Police Force.

9.4 The Committee recommends that Mr. Ernesto Choo-a-Fat, Businessman, Mr. Lloyd Mark Conway, Attorney-at-Law, Mr. Hakeem Mohamed, A.A., Businessman, and Mr. Patrick Anthony Findlay, Bishop, be signified as the National Assembly's choice to the President for appointment as Members in the Police Service Commission.



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**Hon. Gail Teixeira, M.P.,  
Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance &  
Government Chief Whip  
Chairperson  
Committee on Appointments**

**December 16, 2021**